

GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

ETHIELBERT, THOUGH CUT DOWN, IS NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Aleco's victory in the Suburban Handicap at the Turf-Jockey Club, on Saturday, was a surprise to many. The same old Aleco, who had been second in the same race at the same place, was the winner. It turned out yesterday that although Ethielbert was out during the running of the Suburban Handicap on Saturday, the noted horse was not seriously injured. Trainer Jack Joyner, who prepared Ethielbert for the race, said yesterday that his opinion of Ethielbert did not run at all high, but could give no reason for it except that the horse had been slightly cut on the near hind fetlock. Whether it was today that did the injury and when it happened nobody appears to know. Joyner was inclined to believe that Ethielbert had kicked, although he never had known the horse to kick before. The horse's owner, Mr. McCormick, who had the mount, said yesterday that he did not know Ethielbert had been cut until after the race. His idea was that the horse was simply run off by his foot by the remarkably fast pace set by Aleco and today at the far turn.

A H. McCormick, who trained Aleco, was receiving congratulations yesterday. His clever handling of the colt and the mystery with which he cloaked the private workings of the winner were the subject of much discussion by turfmen. In an interview Mr. McCormick said to a reporter of the Sun:

"The reason Aleco ran in my name was because the owner, Louis V. Bell, having bought the colt for \$10,000 last winter, did not care to have him run in his name because of his mother's recent death. When I took hold of Aleco I found that it would be impossible to get him ready for the Brooklyn Handicap, so I took my name, with the idea of having him fit for the Suburban. In two races at Gravesend I'll admit that he did not do so well, but it must be remembered that in the first race he carried 126 pounds and was third—first whip and Dr. Barlow, while in the second he was beaten by Ten Cents. On Saturday he was a victim of a poor start and incompetent handling.

Last Thursday he was sent to a private trial at the Turf-Jockey Club, where he was seen by everybody who left Sheepshead to see the Brooklyn Derby run at Gravesend. The colt ran a quarter of a mile in 20 1/2 seconds. It was the best trial I ever witnessed and when the horse pulled up I found him in the best of his condition. So I told everybody I could about the colt's condition, for I was sure that he would win. He fully came up to my expectations and is the best horse I ever trained in my life."

McCormick is a veteran horseman from Maine, but he became a jockey when he was twenty. He has a big racing string in the city of New York, and he is a member of the Turf Club. He has a big racing string in the city of New York, and he is a member of the Turf Club. He has a big racing string in the city of New York, and he is a member of the Turf Club.

Many stories are in circulation regarding the winning of the Suburban Handicap. It is said that Dave Johnson, the bookmaker, and David Gilson, divided between them \$20,000 as a reward for having secured the colt's odds ranging from 10 to 1 down to 4 to 1. Frank Farrell is said to have won \$20,000 as a result, which he divided with his partner, an aggregate of \$40,000.

It is the general opinion among turf men that had Aleco been extended he would have beaten Suburban of 200 for the distance as it is. Aleco's race was actually a trial for three years old, and he was well in hand all the way and won easily in a gallop. It will be some time, too, it is thought, before the horse will be run so swiftly again. At the same time it must be remembered that the Sheepshead track at present is faster than in many years.

The racing at Sheepshead will be resumed July 1 with an opening day of five principal events are the Rosebud Stakes, the Grass and Turf Stakes, the Suburban Handicap, a promising race, and a promising race.

Mr. Whitely's Present to Trainer Higgins and Jockey Reilly.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, June 16.—It is reported that in recognition of Volodyovski's victory in the Derby, W. C. Whitney has presented to Trainer Higgins and Jockey Reilly a horse of the name, \$1,500.

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